GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1335
ANSWERED ON:07.12.2015
World Heritage Status to Lotus Temple
Raju Shri Gokaraju Ganga

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

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1335. DR. GOKARAJU GANGA RAJU:
Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:
(a) whether it is a fact that the Lotus Temple which attracted more than 70 million visitors was enlisted on the UNESCO"s tentative list of World Heritage Sites in April, 2014 and is competing for world heritage tag due to its unique design and craftsmanship;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the ASI is preparing nomination dossier to submit it to UNESCO; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE & TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) AND MINISTER OF STATE, CIVIL A VIA TION
(DR MAHESH SHARMA)
(a)&(b): Yes, Madam the Lotus Temple (Baha"i House of Worship in New Delhi) has been enlisted on the UNESCO"s tentative list of World Heritage Sites in April, 2014.
(c): No, Madam. Since it is not a Archaeological Survey of India"s protected monument, Archaeological Survey of India is not preparing nomination dossier for the Lotus Temple to submit it to UNESCO.
(d): Question does not arise.
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